

## ECO-HEALTHY CHILD CARE

### Pre-Course Survey

This survey should take 10 minutes or less to complete. Please answer each of the following to the best of your ability:

1. More than 80,000 chemicals are in commercial use today and most of them have been evaluated by the Environmental Protection Agency for their impact on human health. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
2. When purchasing art supplies, it is important to discern whether the product has been certified and approved by the Arts and Creative Materials Institute. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
3. Furniture made of pressed-wood (particleboard or plywood) can off-gas formaldehyde for up to five years. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
4. Plumbing fixtures have been lead-free since 1978. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
5. Children are exposed to chemicals not only through ingestion, inhalation, skin absorption and eye contact but also in utero. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
6. Man-made fragrances added to lotions, air fresheners and household cleaners can contain hazardous chemicals including benzene, formaldehyde, and phthalates. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
7. When using chlorine bleach to sanitize and disinfect, it is important to use the exact bleach/water ratio prescribed by agency and/or health department regulations. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
8. In general, after a professional has applied chemical pesticides, children should not be allowed in the treated area for at least 48-hours. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
9. One should always dispose of batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and mercury containing thermometers and thermostats at a hazardous waste facility. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
10. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in the United States.  
☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
11. Only benches, playground equipment, decks and picnic tables made before 1995 contain treated wood containing CCA (Chromated Copper Arsenate), a toxic chemical. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
12. One should never put any plastic in the microwave, even if a container says "microwave safe".  
☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
13. Vinyl mini-blinds, children's metal jewelry, and PVC piping have all been found to contain lead.  
☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know
14. Children eat, drink and breathe more pound for pound than adults.

☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know

15. Keeping food in sealed containers will help to reduce pests. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know

16. Using old pressure-treated wood to build a raised bed for gardening is a good example of recycling.  
☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know

17. Household paint can contain VOCs (volatile organic compounds) that reduce the quality of indoor air. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know

18. Hard, clear, plastic baby bottles and sippy cups should be avoided unless they are marked BPA-free (Bisphenol A free). ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know

19. One should use a vacuum cleaner to clean up a broken fluorescent light bulb. ☐True ☐False  
☐Don't Know

20. Child care facilities should avoid having wall-to-wall carpeting. ☐True ☐False ☐Don't Know

21. How do you expect this training to help you in your work?